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SUBJECT: DOD-PROPOSED MASTER DATA EXCHANGE AGREEMENTS

1. DOD HAS REQUESTED DEPARTMENT TO CONCUR IN DOD SIGNING AGENCY AGREEMENTS WITH ARGENTINE AND BRAZILIAN DEFENSE MINISTRIES, ENTITLED MASTER DATA EXCHANGE AGREEMENTS. IDENTICAL IN SUBSTANCE, THESE ARE UMBRELLA AGREEMENTS WHICH WOULD COMMIT DOD TO PROVIDE INFORMATION ON ALL ASPECTS OF BILATERAL "PROJECTS" FOR DATA EXCHANGE TO BE AGREED UPON BY DOD AND DEFENSE MINISTRIES IN THE FUTURE. AGREEMENTS WOULD ALSO AUTHORIZE DOD "PROJECT OFFICER'S" TO AGREE WITH ARGENTINE AND BRAZILIAN COUNTERPARTS ON A LIST OF US AND FOREIGN ESTABLISHMENTS AND AUTHORITIES TO BE INCLUDED AS PARTICIPANTS UNDER THE UMBRELLA AGREEMENT AND WOULD AUTHORIZE US MILITARY TO CORRESPOND WITH (AND VISIT) SUCH ESTABLISHMENTS AND AUTHORITIES. THE PROPOSED UMBRELLA AGREEMENTS CONTAIN APPRO-
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PRIATE SECURITY DISCLOSURE PROVISIONS.

2. DEPARTMENT NOW REVIEWING NUMEROUS ISSUES RAISED BY PROPOSED AGREEMENTS, INCLUDING: DOD'S INTENTIONS REGARDING SPECIFIC PROJECTS WHICH IT INTENDS TO INITIATE; DOD'S ESTIMATE OF HOST COUNTRIES DESIRES FOR DATA; EXPECTED QUID

PRO QUO FOR US DATA; EFFECT ON DOD MANNING LEVELS IN HOST COUNTRIES, AND PROBLEMS OF AMBASSADORIAL CONTROL OVER PROJECTS AND BILATERAL DISCUSSIONS LEADING UP TO PROPOSED PROJECTS.

3. AT THIS STAGE IN OUR REVIEW IT WOULD BE USEFUL TO HAVE UP-TO-DATE EMBASSY ASSESSMENTS OF CURRENT ARGENTINE AND BRAZILIAN DESIRES FOR MILITARY TECHNOLOGICAL OR OTHER DATA. WE ARE INTERESTED IN KNOWING WHAT INFORMATION THE TWO DEFENSE MINISTRIES WOULD BE LIKELY TO REQUEST FROM USG UNDER PROPOSED UMBRELLA AGREEMENTS. EMBASSY ASSESSMENTS SHOULD BE MADE ON BASIS OF IMPRESSIONS AND INFORMATION CURRENTLY AVAILABLE TO COUNTRY TEAM. LOCAL AUTHORITIES SHOULD NOT BE CONSULTED FOR THE PRESENT. INGERSOLL

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